

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak,
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

ABSENT

Alderman Edgcomb

PUBLIC HEARING:

To Hear public comments concerning the proposed annexation of various properties to the City of LaSalle and potential annexation agreements.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Public Hearing be opened.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy explained that there will be potential zoning changes for the Cleer Property to M-1 and that R-4 zoning will be excluded from this property. The Cleer property is 2 parcels of approximately 80 acres. City Attorney Jim McPhedran said that the Investment Planning, Inc. property is just south of Raccuglia Drive, east of the Trovero property and an unpaved portion of Malcolm Avenue, and Carus Corporation Property is vacant land north of Raccuglia Drive. The annexation agreements are in contemplation of the city establishing a TIF District for each property owner to be a part of; each of them also involve potential abatement of real estate taxes, which the city has historically done regarding properties within TIF Districts, pending further development, and in some cases allowing continuing pre-existing uses and other factors.

Mr. Mike Kasap, LaSalle County Board member had concerns about the proposed TIF . Mr. McPhedran said the LaSalle County Board is supporting this proposed TIF, and that the City of LaSalle has always tried to be sensitive to use of TIF districts for the reasons that they were originally created.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Public Hearing be closed and the council continues with the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that George Green is allowed to address the council and to make monetary presentations of money realized from his recent Cruisin' LaSalle Car Show. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Green thanked the City for its help and for allowing him to have his 7th Annual Cruisin' LaSalle Car Show in downtown LaSalle. He presented the LaSalle Boys Baseball and the LaSalle Girls Softball league a check for \$1,580.00 each. Mr. Green said that as long as he has sponsors and the people and the cars keep coming he will continue to have this event. Mr. Green was applauded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that changing the intersection of 2nd and Marquette and at 2nd and Gooding Street to 4-way stop intersections is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that a request to remove the handicapped sign at 938 Marquette Street be referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ameren Illinois is allowed to break ground to install gas main and service at 2424 Chartres Street; to install gas service at 1380 LaHarpe Street; to remove electric facilities at Hennepin & Grant Avenue; and to replace steel service with plastic at 728 Marquette Street. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

The request from Nick LaCosta regarding an Antique Auto Show will be addressed when further information is received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Building Inspectors' Report for September 2012 showing total value of construction of \$146,245.00 and total fees collected of \$615.00 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Treasurers' Report for September 2012 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$2,126,285.19 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$5,182,374.70 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing motor fuel tax allotment for September 2012 of \$17,802.86 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the recommendation by the Planning Commission regarding the petition from Michael Cleer and Gerald Cleer for rezoning of their property at the Northwest corner of Chartres and Wenzel Road to M-1, Light Industrial District, with the exception of R-4 zoning upon annexation, is accepted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Demes suggested that the city considers purchasing another leaf vacuum. Supt. McNeilly is checking prices. Alderman Duncan said he thought that a study should be done to determine if another vacuum is needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bacidore said he wanted the public to know that the Building Codes Committee is not trying to take homes away from the elderly but rather they are trying to reach landlords of abandoned properties to have them maintain their properties.

Building Inspector Brian Maddox thanked the Mayor, the Building Codes Committee and other Alderman for their help last week when they met with concerned residents to discuss abandoned properties.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Ordinance No. 2373: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Pre-Annexation Agreement between the City of LaSalle and Carus Corporation, a Foreign Corporation is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

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Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2374: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of LaSalle (Carus Corp.) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2374: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of LaSalle (Carus Corp.)

ANNEXATION: Carus Corporation

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2375: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Pre-Annexation Agreement between the City of LaSalle and Investment Planning, Inc., an Illinois Corporation (Witek) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

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Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that Ordinance No. 2376: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of LaSalle (Investment Planning/Witek) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2376: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of LaSalle (Investment Planning/Witek)

ANNEXATION: Investment Planning, Inc. (Witek)

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Ordinance No. 2377: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Pre-Annexation Agreement Between the City of LaSalle and Gerald Cleer, Michael Cleer and Harry Cleer is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2377: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Pre-Annexation Agreement Between the City of LaSalle and Gerald Cleer, Michael Cleer and Harry Cleer

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ordinance No. 2378: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of LaSalle (Cleer) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2378: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of LaSalle (Cleer)
ANNEXATION: Gerald and Michael Cleer

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2379: An Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Changes within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois as to “Cleer” Premises (M-1 Light Industrial, with exception of R-4 uses) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

Ordinance No. 2379: An Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Changes within the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois as to “Cleer” Premises (M-1 Light Industrial, with exception of R-4 uses)

Zoning Change: Cleer Premises to M-1 Light Industrial (with the exception of R-4 zoning)

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Ordinance No. 2380: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of LaSalle Regarding the Illinois Comptroller’s Local Debt Recovery Program is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

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COMMENTS

Alderman Ptak commented that with the annexations this evening the council has just enhanced the future of the City of LaSalle.

Mayor Grove thanked the LBA, the public works department, the fire department and police department for their help making the Jazz ‘N the Street enjoyable. The fireworks were good and he received good comments about the event.

The Mayor thanked Julie Sloan for her work with the Farmers Market this year and also Francie Scoflank for her work with the Canal Market.

The city will sponsor an electronics pick-up on the 17th of October at the Park & Recreation Building on 9th Street from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Mayor Grove will coordinate the pick-up.

The Hometown Halloween events will begin Saturday, October 27th at 11:00 A.M. with the line-up of the Costume Parade at the Knights of Columbus parking lot. The parade will begin at 11:30 A.M. and various events will continue throughout the day.

Trick or Treating in the city will be Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Don Aleksy said we have received the 2011 TIF Audit and Summary and they are on the City's web site.

7:57 P.M. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council recesses the regular meeting and goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union and acquisition of City real estate and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union, and acquisition of City real estate and related matters.

9:04 P.M. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$713,499.25 (Payroll \$146,610.03; bills to be paid \$24,538.40; bills paid \$542,350.82) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Edgcomb. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNED 9:06 P.M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk